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Dear Sir:

This paper is timely filed on July 31, 2008 in response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2008, which was designated non-final. Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.